

Discussion

The USPTO rejected all claims of the application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,958. In response thereto the applicants attach to this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the term of the patent which extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,958.

CONCLUSION

As there are no further rejections of any claim of the application nor any objections, the applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If there is any questions concerning this Amendment, please contact applicant's counsel.

Respectfully Submitted,



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